

MEDIA COVERAGE

Military hopes \$1 Million Desert Race Will Lead to First Self-Guided Robot

"The Pentagon is sponsoring a Great Race with a \$1 million cash prize but none of the drivers will collect it - because nobody will be at the wheel."

-Associated Press

No Drivers Wanted in Race for \$1 Million

"The race, called the Grand Challenge, is the brainchild of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, or DARPA, the \$2-billion whiz-bang shop at the Pentagon that helped create the Internet, Stealth aircraft, "smart" bombs and the pilotless Predator plane."

-Los Angeles Times

Pentagon Grand Challenge: \$1 Million to Builder of Robotic Vehicle

"The ground rules are simple: build a mobile robot that can travel on its own over roads and deserts, through gullies and waterways. The precise course between Los Angeles and Las Vegas will only be revealed hours before the race, on March 13, 2004."

-Voice of America

Pentagon Looks for Few Good Robotic Vehicles

"DARPA officials hope that some computer whiz kid, some science-fiction fanatic, some junkyard warrior or off-road enthusiast can come up with a way to navigate the 300-mile course in the Mojave desert that will be loaded with obstacles."

-The Orange County Register

